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INFRASTRUCTURE, CHARLES R. WILDS, FSO-1

REFS: A. USNATO 7068, B. USNATO 7173, C. STATE 190633,
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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INTENSIVE TWO-WEEK FRENCH FOR WILDS BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL FOR DUTY AT NATO, REFTEL E, PARA 1.
2. AS AMBASSADOR NOTED IN REFS A AND D, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WILDS FRENCH CAPABILITY BE SEEN TO HAVE IMPROVED MARKEDLY BETWEEN HIS INTERVIEW AND HIS REPORTING FOR DUTY.
3. AS CONCERNS THE REPORTING DATE, IS HAS ADVISED MISSION THAT WILDS COULD TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES ON 18 SEPTEMBER IF HE COULD FOLLOW AN INTENSIVE FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSE AT FSI BEFORE JOINING, REFTEL B.
(FYI: CONCURRENTLY ASYG DEFSPT REQUESTED IS DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL TO REQUEST USNATO AND STATE TO COVER THIS TWO-WEEK GAP BY AN EXTENSION OF CURRENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCUMBENT, E. SMITH, FOR THAT PERIOD. THIS WAS RELAYED TELEPHONICALLY TO EUR/RPM ONLY, IN VIEW OF PRIOR FIRM STATE GUIDANCE THAT SMITH COME OFF ROLLS ON 31 AUGUST. END FYI.)

4. PER CHANNEL REF C NOTED, INTER ALIA, DEPARTMENT HAD CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR WILDS TO ARRIVE

BRUSSELS ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER AND TO REPORT FOR DUTY TO NATO AT THAT TIME. AMBASSADOR CONCURRED IN 1 SEPTEMBER REPORT DATE, REF D, PARA 3, FROM PERSPECTIVE OF NEED TO FILL IMPORTANT NATO ACTIVITY POST PROMPTLY ON DEPARTURE OF CURRENT INCUMBENT BUT DID NOT SEE THIS FACTOR AS A REASON TO IGNORE PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENT OF SOME LANGUAGE TRAINING IN WASHINGTON BEFORE ARRIVAL. AMBASSADOR WAS AWARE AT TIME HE DRAFTED REFTEL D THAT WILDS WAS ON WELL-EARNED HOME LEAVE, BUT NOTED HIS CONCERN AT WHILING AWAY PERIOD JULY 20-SEPT 1 WITH NO LANGUAGE TRAINING. (FYI: IS DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL WAS NOTIFIED OF 1 SEPTEMBER REPORT DATE TELEPHONICALLY ON 29 JULY PER REFTEL C. END FYI.)

5. IN SUMMARY, PRIORITY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WILDS' RECEIVING INTENSIVE FRENCH IDEALLY STARTING ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 14 WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THREE WEEKS TRAINING AND PERMIT ARRIVAL HERE ON OR ABOUT THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. GLITMAN

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